September 2023
KIDS KRAZE

Programs and activities offered by

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION

For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at 812-349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks.

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Inclusive approach to recreation: All City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive to people with and without disabilities. Please contact our Inclusive Recreation Coordinator for more details: Amy Shrake, CTRS, 812-349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.

Youth scholarships available from the Bloomington Parks Foundation!
For more information about how to apply for a scholarship for any Parks and Recreation program, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation office at 812-349-3700.
Apply online at bloomington.in.gov/parks/scholarships.
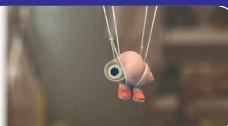Applications must be received two weeks prior to the registration deadline.

Bloomington Parks Foundation

MOVIES IN THE PARKS

RYDER FILM SERIES

Community Events Hotline 812-349-3754.

Marcel the Shell with Shoes On
2021 • PG • 1 hr 30 min
Friday, Sept. 1 • 8:45 p.m.
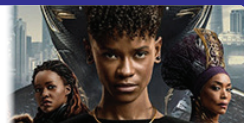Switchyard Park

Vivo
2021 • PG • 1 hr 35 min
Friday, Sept. 15 • 8:30 p.m.
Bryan Park

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs.

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever
2022 • PG-13 • 2 hr 41 min
Saturday, Sept. 23 • 8:15 p.m.
Bryan Park

Bloomington Parks and Recreation and the Ryder Film Series present free movies on the big screen in city parks. Movies begin at dusk; see estimated start times. Please be aware that some of the movies have a rating of PG and PG-13. We request your assistance in determining if a particular movie is appropriate for your family.
Rain dates: Sept. 10 and Oct 7.

Sponsors:
Amethyst House • Dr. Lisa J. Baker, DDS • Bluestone Tree The Dog House, LLC • German American Bank ISU The May Agency • IU Arts & Humanities Council IU Credit Union • The Niese Agency—State Farm Office Easel Promotions • Rapid Reproductions Stone Belt • World Wide Automotive

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COMMUNITY ZOO by YOU!

Calling all animal lovers! Learn about different exotic animals through crafts, games and other fun activities. Earn honorary Zookeeper status when you attend multiple events in this mini series.

Sept. 12
4–5:30 p.m. • $3/person
Switchyard Park, Near Pavilion

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION

Check out our September concerts and performances! For a full schedule, see bloomington.in.gov/concerts.

BLOOMINGTON YOUTH BASKETBALL

at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.
For information about the league or season, contact league coordinator Scott Pedersen at 812-349-3774.

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YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU of Monroe County

SAFE PLACE

Season I
Sept. 5–28 • Register by Sept. 4.
For ages 5–12 yrs. • $75/player

Season II
The Bloomington Youth Basketball league focuses on basketball fundamentals and the application of learned skills. Leagues are coed through grade 3; girls play in a girls-only league beginning in grade 4. Season includes weekly practices and games one night a week. Teams practice twice before games begin, then one night a week for the remainder of the season. There are a total of seven games, with no postseason tournament. Practice times and days are determined by the volunteer coach. Times can vary between 5:30–9:30 p.m. based on the coach's schedule. Parent/player requests for placement on specific teams are not accepted; all requests must be submitted by volunteer coaches.

• Season runs Oct. 16-Dec. 14.
• Practices begin the week of Oct. 16. Games begin the week of Oct. 23.
• Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 29. Registrations are not accepted after the deadline.
• Games and practices are not held the week of Nov. 20.

Space is limited to a maximum number of players per age group. Once the maximum number of players is reached for each league, registration for that league will close. If your child's league fills, you may opt to place your child's name on a wait list. We will contact you if space becomes available.

Leagues, Game Days, and Registration Codes

Grade K • W • 350302-A
Grade 1 • M • 350302-B
Grade 2 • Tu • 350302-C
Grade 3 • W • 350302-D
Grade 4–6 Girls • Th • 350302-E
Grade 4 Boys • Tu • 350302-F
Grade 5 Boys • Tu • 350302-G
Grade 6 Boys • M • 350302-H
$95 • Register by 9/29.

REQUIRED SKILL EVALUATION SESSIONS
In response to parent and coach feedback, and to ensure a fair distribution of skills per team, we will conduct a coach's draft. Each player must attend a skill evaluation session. Times and dates for these mandatory sessions are:

Grade K • 10/2 • 5:30 p.m.
Grade 1 • 10/2 • 6 p.m.
Grade 2 • 10/2 • 6:45 p.m.
Grade 3 • 10/2 • 7:15 p.m.
Grade 4 Boys • 10/3 • 6:15 p.m.
Grade 5 Boys • 10/3 • 7 p.m.
Grade 6 Boys • 10/3 • 7:30 p.m.
Grade 4–6 Girls • 10/3 • 5:30 p.m.
Make-up session • 10/4 • 5:30–6 p.m.

COACHES NEEDED: If interested in volunteer coaching, visit bloomington.in.gov/parksvol or contact Emily Buuck at parksvol@bloomington.in.gov.

Nature Sounds
Acoustic musical performances and educational nature presentations.

Nature topic: Katydids

It wouldn't be summertime without the surround sound of insects. One of the loudest and most familiar calls belongs to the katydid. The song of the katydid starts with the classic "kat-y-did" calls, and eventually the treetops are echoing with their chorus. Come learn more about the stridulating wings of the katydid while listening to the stridulations of the fiddle.

Friday, Sept. 22 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Bryan Park, Woodlawn Shelter

FREE • For all ages.
Community Events Hotline: 812-349-3754

Nature and the Outdoors
Price is per person. **Children under age 12 yrs. must be accompanied by a registered adult.** Activities may be both inside and outside, so please dress for the weather.

Insect Investigation
Gain the knowledge to identify insects you may find on future hikes, in your garden, or even in your house! Who can sting? Who can bite? Who can make cool noises? Find out during this insect investigation! Be prepared for a short hike around Rogers Family Park. Instructor: Brandon Olson
Sa 9/2 • 3–4 p.m. • Register by 8/31 • 340001-A
$5/in-city, $6/non-city • For all ages.
Rogers Family Park—Meet at the red barn.

Fall Frog Songs
Did you know there are frogs that chirp? Others can whistle, croak, ribbit, peep, cluck, bark and grunt. Learn about local frogs, and how their calls are as unique as the frogs themselves! Be prepared for a short guided hike on the Griffy Wetland Trail. Instructor: Brandon Olson
Su 9/10 • 6:30–8 p.m. • Register by 9/7 • 340002-A
$5/in-city, $6/non-city • For all ages.
Griffy Lake Nature Preserve—Meet at boathouse.

Bug Fest
Learn all about amazing insects at the annual Bug Fest! Exhibitors share and display their knowledge on a variety of buggy topics. This event is a collaboration of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Monroe County Parks and Recreation, The WonderLab Museum, and Purdue Extension-Monroe County. bloomington.in.gov/parks/events/bug-fest.
Sa 9/23 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
FREE • For all ages.
Karst Farm Park, 2450 S. Endwright Rd.

BUG FEST 2023

Where the Furry Things Are
Search for animals like real trackers! We will scour the trails of Leonard Springs Nature Park in search of signs that our furry neighbors are nearby. Learn how to cast tracks, how to identify tracks, and other useful tracking skills. Wear comfortable footwear and bring a water bottle. Instructor: Zach Ryan
Sa 9/30 • 3:30–5:30 p.m. • Register by 9/22 • 340006-A
$5/in-city, $6/non-city • For all ages.
Leonard Springs Nature Park—Meet in parking lot.

Apple Tasting
Apple Tasting returns to the Farmers' Market with the fruit of our area growers' labors. Apple Tasting will rock you to the core!
Sa 9/30 • 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • FREE • For all ages.
Fernandez Plaza, Eighth and Morton Streets

2023–2024 season
FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA
2100 S. Henderson St.
bloomington.in.gov/ice
Ice Information Hotline: 812-349-3741

General Admission Public Skating
Public Skating: Oct. 13 through Feb. 25
Monday through Friday: Noon–2:30 p.m.
Friday: 7–9 p.m.
Saturday: 1:30–3 p.m.
7–9 p.m. (Lunar Skating)
9:15–11 p.m. (Night Owl)
Sunday: 3–5 p.m.
General Admission: $6
Skate Rental: $3

THE SKATING SCHOOL at Frank Southern Ice Arena
City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation

Skating School Session I: Begins Oct. 5. Register by Oct. 4.
House Hockey, 6U–12U: Oct. 16–Feb. 9. Registration is ongoing.
For details, visit our website.